

# WEST RAND DISTRICT MUNICIPALITY 2009/10 IDP EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- **BACKGROUND**

West Rand District Municipality is thriving for the 2016 vision, the District and its constituent Local Municipalities are working as an entity in realizing this vision. This will ensure integration in service delivery for the entire region. In order to realize this vision there must be agreed upon building blocks which will culminate in West Rand being a Metropolis in 2025.

In addition to that Merafong Local Municipality will soon be incorporated into West Rand District Municipality therefore, future plans of the WRDM make provision for Merafong Local Municipality. As part of the re-configuration of the Merafong into WRDM and also to ensure that the vision is being realized there is a need to establish a transformation committee composed of political leadership, administration and the community.

The ideal picture of Gauteng as the Global City Region (GCR) has become the organizing principle, which will inform all the developmental efforts in the District. The focus of our effort, going into the future, is to strengthen the concept of GCR by developing the District Municipality as a Regional Shared Service Centre for our area of jurisdiction.

The 20 Priority Township Programme (PTP) was announced by the Premier of Gauteng for the development townships. Within West Rand the focus areas are Kagiso, Mohlakeng and Munsieville. Current projects for the 2007/08 that are in progress include the construction of roads such as:

- Development of Motlana street, Vasco Da Gama street and other storm water;
- Construction of Segatsho Road; and
- Upgrading of Dr Martinez Ramirez Drive and Construction of Keoagile street storm water and surfacing repairs.

- **2009/10 IDP REVIEW**

This executive summary for the West Rand District Municipality 2007/08 to 2011/12 IDP as revised in 2009/10 IDP Review summarizes the comprehensive IDP review document that consists of five different but interrelated chapters. **Chapter 1** highlights the legal overview

and the strategic focus for the 2009/ 10 financial year. **Chapter 2** provides the situational analysis which gives a picture of the West Rand District Municipality and highlights the status quo of the demographics and service backlogs as according to the Statistics South Africa community survey that was conducted in 2007.

**Chapter 3** outlines the different strategies that the WRDM will employ in the 2009/ 10 financial year in order to ensure that the needs that were identified in the stakeholder participation process and the backlogs highlighted in the situational analysis are addressed. **Chapter 4** tables the programmes and projects that will be undertaken in the 2009/10 financial year for the WRDM and its constituent local municipalities. **Chapter 5** consists of the executive summaries of the key sector plans.

- **CHAPTER 1**

This chapter starts by looking at the background on the WRDM IDP Review processes. It further looks at the different powers and functions for local government (district and local municipalities) because the strategies and projects that will be developed and implemented must be in accordance with these powers and functions. The key legislation that underpins the process of reviewing the IDP for the 2009/10 financial year is also highlighted in this chapter. The cited pieces of legislation are as follows: Constitution of the Republic of South Africa (Act 108 of 1996); White paper on Local Government (1998); Municipal Structures Act (117 of 1998); Municipal Systems Act 32 of 2000; Local Government: Municipal Planning and Performance Management Regulations, 2001. Disaster Management Act (57 of 2002) and Municipal Finance Management Act (56 of 2003).

- **CHAPTER 2**

This chapter on the situational analysis starts by providing a municipal background as follows: the West Rand District Municipality (WRDM) consists of three local municipalities, namely, Mogale City, Randfontein and Westonaria Local Municipalities. WRDM also acts as a local municipality in the District Management Area (GTDMA41), popularly known as the Cradle of Humankind World Heritage Site (CoHWHs).

The **total population** in the WRDM was 533 675 during 2001 and has since increased to 539 038 by 2007. The Mogale City municipality experienced an increase of 29 806 people from 289 835 people in 2001 to 319 641 people in 2007. However, the population figures

of the District Management Area (the Cradle of Humankind) dropped with 2 863 people from 5 781 people in 2001 to 2 918 people in 2007. Another population decrease was experienced in Randfontein Local Municipality with 11 470 people; from 128 731 people in 2001 to 117 261 people in 2007. Also in Westonaria Local Municipality the population decreased from 109 328 people in 2001 to 99 218 people in 2007.

The **gender distribution** pattern in the WRDM shows that there are 280 732 males, which represents 52.08% of the total population and 258 311 females, which represents 47.92% of the total population.

Regarding the number of **households with piped water inside the dwelling** there is an increase from 35,7% in 2001 to 53,6 % in 2007. The number of **households with no access to piped water** has decreased from 20% in 2001 to 3% in 2007. The number of **households with piped water inside the yard** has decreased from approximately 46% in 2001 to approximately 28% in 2007. The number of **households with water outside the yard**, has decreased from 17% in 2001 to 16% in 2007.

The **percentage of households with access to flush toilets** connected to a sewerage system, increased from 68,44% in 2001 to 76,6% in 2007, while the use of pit latrines without ventilation declined from 17,33% in 2001 to 6.24% in 2007, meaning that the district has improved in providing basic access to sanitation which also led to the proportion of households without access to any toilet facility to decline from 4,6% in 2001 to 3,11% in 2007.

There is an increase in the proportion of **households using electricity for lighting** from 71,5% in 2001 to 78.0% in 2007. This is an indication that the government is working on achieving the Millenium Development Goals of providing universal access to electricity in 2012. The table also indicates that, generally, there is an increase in the usage of electricity for lighting, cooking and heating according to the Census 2001 and the Community Survey 2007. As a result of the above, the WRDM is faced with a challenge of assisting local municipalities to reduce the usage of electricity by 10% as per the national programme of energy saving.

- **CHAPTER 3**

This chapter is the **Strategy Phase** and the strategies are structured according to the different five National Key Performance Areas (KPA) and the additional focus area which is Environmental Management and Spatial Planning. With regards to **Local Economic Development** there are strategies that have been developed such as LED Strategy, tourism strategy; manufacturing strategy; Trade and Commerce strategy; Small Enterprises and also a strategy to ensure stimulation of the second economy. The issue of Alignment of the LED strategy with the National, Provincial Policies and public participation is emphasized in this chapter.

- **Basic Service Delivery and Infrastructure**

Regarding **Water and Sanitation** WRDM has appointed a service provider to compile a Water Services Development Plan (WSDP) for the DMA which is expected to be completed by the end of April 2009. With regard to **Energy/Electricity**, the WRDM is currently in the process of reviving the West Rand Energy Forum which was established on 28 September 2006. Regarding **Housing**, there is a Comprehensive Plan for the Development of Sustainable Human Settlements (BNG) that outlines a new strategic direction for housing policy and delivery. **Disaster management** is categorized into proactive services and reactive services.

- **Municipal Transformation and Organizational Development**

The following strategies are being discussed in this KPA: HR Strategy, Employment Equity Plan, Recruitment and Retention Strategy, Workplace Skills Plan, Succession Plan, Skills Development Programme, Employee Assistance Programme, ABET programme, Occupational Health and Safety and Organisational Performance Management System (OPMS).

- **Municipal Financial Viability and Management**

With regard to Supply Chain Management, there is Asset Management, Acquisition Management, Fleet Management and Stores Management.

- **Good Governance and Public Participation**

The WRDM established an **Audit Committee** (AC). The AC is an independent governance structure whose function is to provide oversight role on the system of internal control, risk management and governance.

- **Municipal Health Services (MHS) Strategy**

There is ensured alignment of the strategy of MHS with that of National Department and the National Health Act of 2003 to ensure that the environment is safe and healthy for population living within the West Rand District Municipality. **Surveillance:** The WRDM will enforce regular sampling of drinking water and food from all sources and report on a quarterly basis.

- **Environmental Management and Spatial Planning**

The District Spatial Development Framework (SDF) has been developed which will guide future planning initiatives inclusive of land use, transport and environmental indicators so as to ensure holistic sustainable development and to encourage local economic initiatives within the region.

- **CHAPTER 4**

This chapter consists of the different projects and programmes within the different **National Key Performance Areas**. For the **Local Economic Development** the projects are as follows: Establishment of Sector forums, Establishment of SMME Development, SMME Training, Community Projects, Tourism Marketing, Tourism Development and Advertising. Within the **Basic Service Delivery and infrastructure** the projects are Water reticulation to Portion 26 Kromdraai, VIP toilets in the DMA, LED Infrastructure Projects. There are other projects that fall within this KPA which are more focused on public safety and regional support are: Disaster Management, Emergency Services and Community Safety.

- **Municipal Transformation and Organizational Development**

The following projects that have been identified in this KPA: HR Strategy, Employment Equity Plan, Recruitment and Retention Strategy, Succession Plan, Workplace Skills Plan, Skills Development Programme, Employee Assistance Programme, ABET Programme, Occupational Health and Safety, Organizational Performance Management System and Organisational.

- **Municipal Financial Viability and Management**

There are three projects that are categorized as falling under Supply Chain Management; these are Asset Management, Acquisition Management, Fleet Management and Stores Management.

- **Good Governance and Public Participation**

There are Health and Social Development related projects such as MHS, Health Programmes, Social Development, HIV and AIDS, Sports, Recreation, Arts and Culture. There are also special programmes such as: Moral Regeneration Programme, West Rand Heritage Jazz Festival, Mayor's Senior Citizens Programme (Fun Day), Development of Museum and statue for the late Patrick Ntsoelengoe; Mampudi Batsela Race, Mayoral Golf fun Day and Gauteng Puisano Roving Jazz. Other special programmes include a fun day for people living with disabilities, Mayoral Imbizo, Special Exhibition on Human Rights, Substance awareness programme, Youth visit to BOSASA youth centre, Youth Capacity building, West Rand Youth Arts and Culture, West Rand youth games, West Rand Career Expo, Youth Summit, Awarding of Bursaries function, Youth Seminar on Democracy Development, West Rand Youth Awards, Young Men's Dialogue and Youth games. The communication related projects are as follows: Publication (Magazine), Executive Mayor's Visit to High schools, Publicity through Press Releases, Placements of adverts in the electronic and print media, Coordination of Communication forum and Newsletter Distribution. The programmes within the office of the speaker are IDP and Budget Public participation, Public Participation workshop and skills training, Support for local, Gender Programme, Speaker's Forum, Council Meetings and Councilor workshop, Speaker's Forum Staff meeting, Petition Committee Workshop/Training, Implementation of Batho Pele programmes, Benchmarking and Councillor's Forum.

- **Environmental Management and Spatial Planning**

There is transport and spatial planning which consists of the following projects: the District Spatial Development Framework, Land Use Management Framework, Environmental Sustainability, Roads and Transportation.

- **CHAPTER 5**

This chapter consists of the executive summaries of the four key sector plans within the West Rand District municipality. These sector plans are Spatial Development Framework (SDF), Environmental Management Framework, Disaster Management Plan and Integrated Transport Plan (ITP).